

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An attachment for a small loader, the loader having a frame and lift arms pivotally mounted to the loader frame, the lift arms coupled to at least one actuator and having raisable and lowerable outer ends, the attachment comprising an attachment support, a first pivot for mounting the attachment support on at least portions of the loader lift arms to move therewith, at least one solid link attached to the attachment support and attachable to other portions of the loader frame at ~~second pivots~~ first and second ends thereof, whereby actuation of the actuator causes the outer ends of the lift arms to raise or lower causing relative movement between the lift arms and the other portions to cause tilting of the attachment support about the first pivot to tilt the attachment support forwardly.
2. (Currently Amended) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the attachment comprises an open topped container and wherein the other portions of the loader comprises the loader frame, the at least one link being ~~connected~~ connectable to the loader frame for causing tilting about the first pivot between the lift arms and the attachment support.
3. (Currently Amended) The attachment of claim 2, wherein the container is mountable ~~mounted~~ for movement with outer ends of the lift arms, and the at least one link being pivotally mounted to the attachment support and mountable to the loader frame on the second pivots for causing the container to pivot relative to the lift arms on the first pivot as the lift arms move.
4. (Currently Amended) An attachment for a small loader having a frame and lift arms pivotally mounted to the frame, the attachment comprising an attachment support, a first pivot for mounting the attachment support on at least portions of the lift arms, at least one link attached to the attachment support and attachable to other portions of the loader at second pivots, The attachment of claim 2, wherein the container is on the attachment support and is mounted onto the lift arms with the attachment support, and a cylinder acting between the at least one link and the lift arms for causing pivotal movement of the attachment support and container about the first pivot to the lift arm.

5. (Original) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the attachment comprises a container on the support and having an open top, and the container being pivoted and dumped forwardly as it moves about the first pivot relative to the lift arms.

6. (Original) The attachment of claim 5, wherein said container comprises a cement mixer.

7. (Original) The attachment of claim 5, wherein said container comprises an auger mixer and has an open top, and a discharge trough at a forward end of the container.

8. (Currently Amended) The attachment of claim 1, wherein the attachment is selected from a group consisting of an auger mixer, a cement mixer, a hopper, and a sod roller, and the attachment is mounted on the support and the support is ~~mounted~~ mountable at a position on the lift arms rearwardly of forward ends of the lift arms to move the center of gravity of the attachment over at least portions of loader on which it is mounted.

9. (Currently Amended) A small loader comprising a frame adapted for movement over a supporting surface, the frame having at least one lift arm thereon that is pivotally mounted to the frame and has an outer forward end that is raisable and lowerable under power, ~~an a first attachment on the at least one lift arm, said attachment being pivotally supported being attached to the at least one lift arm at a pivotal mounting thereon the at least one lift arm adjacent the outer forward end, with the pivotal mounting~~ and to the rear of the outer forward end of the at least one lift arm to move the center of gravity of the first attachment to its rearmost position and rearwardly of the outer forward end of the at least one lift arm with the at least one lift arm in a lowered position.

10. (Currently Amended) The loader of claim 9, wherein the at least one lift arm comprises a support at the outer forward end thereof, and a second ~~working~~ attachment mounted to the support at the forward end of the at least one lift arm, in combination with the first mentioned attachment.

11. (Currently Amended) The loader of claim 9, wherein said first attachment comprises one of a group of attachments including a cement mixer, an auger mixer, a sod roller, and an open top hopper.

12. (Currently Amended) The loader of claim 11, wherein the first attachment is pivotally mounted to the at least one lift arm, a tiltable plate pivotally mounted at the outer forward end of the at least one lift arm, a link connected between the attachment and the tiltable plate, and wherein tilting the tiltable plate causes pivoting of the attachment relative to the at least one lift arm.

13. (Currently Amended) The loader of claim 9, wherein there is a linkage connected between the first attachment and the frame of the loader whereby moving the at least one lift arm about a pivot relative to the frame causes the attachment to tilt relative to the at least one lift arm.

14. (Currently Amended) The loader of claim 9, wherein said first attachment comprises a working body, and a support integral with the working body for pivotally mounting to portions of the at least one lift arm.

15. (Currently Amended) The loader of claim 9, wherein the first attachment is free from ~~connection-attachment~~ to the frame, and whereby moving the at least one lift arm raises and lowers the first attachment attached thereto without causing any change in relative position between the first attachment and the at least one lift arm.

16. (Currently Amended) The loader of claim 9, wherein the at least one lift arm has a tilting attachment plate at the forward end thereof coupled to the first attachment, a power operator connected between the at least one lift arm and the tilting attachment plate, and wherein there is a sensor for sensing movement of the at least one lift arm relative to the frame, said sensor causing the power operator of the tilting attachment plate to change position to maintain the orientation of the first attachment relative to a supporting surface as the at least one lift arm is raised and lowered.

17. (Currently Amended) The loader of claim 18, further comprising a locking linkage removably connected to the first attachment and to the pivoting plate to prevent pivotal movement of the first attachment relative to the at least one lift arm, the locking linkage being removable to permit pivoting the first attachment forwardly by pivoting the pivoting plate to a position where the first attachment rests on the ground, and the pivoting plate can be disconnectable from the at least one

lift arm.

18. (Currently Amended) The loader of claim 9, further comprising a pivoting plate having a lower edge pivotally mounted at a plate pivot to the at least one lift arm, and being movable about the plate pivot, a first linkage connected between the first attachment and the pivoting plate, the first linkage causing pivoting of the first attachment when an upper edge of the pivoting plate is rotated forwardly about the plate pivot.

19. (Currently Amended) The loader of claim 9, wherein the first attachment comprises a hopper and a stop bumper on a rear portion of the hopper aligned with a portion of the at least one lift arm to engage such portion and stop rearward pivotal movement of the hopper.

20. (Currently Amended) A ~~mounting for a work attachment~~ comprising a mounting connectable to a loader arm, the loader arm being pivotally connected to and ~~which is moveable~~ relative to a loader frame, the mounting comprising a support, having a first pivot mount on said support for operable pivotal mounting to the loader arm; and a second pivot mount for operable pivotal connection to solid link mechanism, which is operably pivotally connected to the support at one end and ~~, and the link mechanism having a second end adaptable to be pivotally mounted onto a portion of the loader frame at a second end~~, the portion of the loader frame and the first pivot mount being movable relative to each other when the first pivot mount is mounted on the loader arm.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The work attachment mounting of claim 20, wherein the first pivot mount is positioned forwardly of a rear portion of the support, whereby portions of the support extend rearwardly from the pivot mount when mounted on the loader arm.

23. (Currently Amended) The work attachment mounting of claim 20, wherein the second end of the solid link mechanism is connectable to loader has a tilting attachment plate located at forward ends of the loader arm, and wherein the tilting attachment is coupled to an actuator for moving said tilting attachment plate, ~~the tilting attachment plate comprising the portion of the loader, the link~~

~~mechanism being connectable to the tilting attachment plate for pivoting the support about a pivot axis of the pivot mount.~~

24. (Currently Amended) The work attachment of claim ~~21~~20, wherein the attachment is an open top receptacle, and wherein the solid link mechanism controls pivotal movement of the open top receptacle on the pivot mount to pivot the open top receptacle in a forward direction and dump material from the receptacle over a forwardly extending end of the open top receptacle when the loader arm is raised.

25. (Currently Amended) The work attachment mounting of claim 20, wherein the loader arm has an outer end that is raiseable and lowerable, and wherein the portion of the loader pivotally ~~connected~~connectable to said solid link mechanism is pivotally connected to the portion of the loader and such portion does not raise and lower with the loader arm.

26. (Currently Amended) The work attachment mounting of claim 23, wherein the loader arm has an outer end that is raisable and lowerable, and said tilting attachment plate moves with said loader arm, and the support has an attachment mounted to it comprising an open top receptacle that is pivoted when the tilting attachment plate is tilted to cause the open top receptacle to dump over a forward end thereof.

27. (Currently Amended) The work attachment mounting of claim 22 further comprising a stop bumper on rear portion of the support, the stop bumper positioned to engage a portion of the loader on which the support is ~~mounted~~mountable to stop pivotal movement about the pivot mount in one direction of pivotal movement.